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Professor Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Josh:

I hope that by this time some of the acute moving pangs have subsided, and that things are getting organized at Stanford. I sincerely hope that this position will afford all the opportunities and satisfactions that you want.

As you know, we have a couple of staff openings at McArdle, and one of those being considered is Bruce Ames. I understand that you think highly of him. Last week I had an opportunity to talk with Wacław Szybalski at Rutgers, and was most impressed with the work that he is now doing, particularly with single-stranded DNA. This is an area that is certainly interesting to us. I have invited him to come here for a lecture in a couple of weeks and look the place over. In the meantime, I would appreciate your frank and candid opinion of him as a scientist and a person that we might or might not want at Wisconsin. If you could give us your comparative evaluation between Szybalski and Ames, it would be very helpful.

Thanks very much for your trouble.

Sincerely yours,

*Charlie*

Charles Heidelberger

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